

2016 Massachusetts State Primary and State Election Schedule

(Revised by Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2015)

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Deadline Dates

Calendar of Events

	Party and non-party candidates for district and county offices	Party candidates for federal and state-wide offices	Non-party candidates for federal and state-wide offices
Nomination papers must be available.	February 16, 2016	February 16, 2016	February 16, 2016
Last day for a person running in a state primary to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state election to unenroll from a party (except newly registered voters).	March 1, 2016	March 8, 2016	March 8, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.	May 3, 2016	May 10, 2016	August 2, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures.	May 24, 2016	May 31, 2016	August 23, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for candidates to apply for review of non-certified signatures.	May 26, 2016	June 2, 2016	August 25, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures.	May 27, 2016	June 6, 2016	August 29, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file nomination papers (including party enrollment or voter registration certificate and Ethics Commission receipt) with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	May 31, 2016	June 7, 2016	August 30, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	June 3, 2016	June 10, 2016	September 2, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals.	June 8, 2016	June 15, 2016	September 8, 2016

PLEASE NOTE: All dates and deadlines below are the same for all candidates.

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the State Primaries (in towns with fewer than 1500 voters, registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Friday, August 19, 2016
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State Primaries

Thursday, September 8, 2016

5:00 p.m., last day and hour for all write-in or sticker candidates who won in a state primary to file a written acceptance of the nomination and receipt from the State Ethics Commission with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Monday, September 12, 2016
12:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals at the state primaries.	Tuesday, September 13, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nominations made at the state primaries.	Wednesday, September 14, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., last day to register to vote for the State Election (in towns with fewer than 1,500 voters, registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Wednesday, October 19, 2016

State Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2016